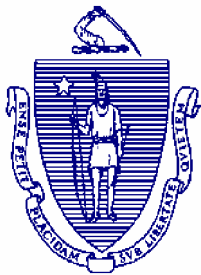


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, January 2007



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

Firefighting Equipment Grant Program

Application Deadline: January 19, 2007

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is pleased to announce the availability of \$2.5 million in State Fiscal Year 2007 funds for fire departments in every city, town, fire district and authority of the Commonwealth. Eligible fire safety equipment that can be purchased under this program include, but are not limited to: turnout gear, hand-held power lights, communication devices, telephones, personal alert safety systems, air packs, tanks, compressors, thermal imaging devices, and computerized personnel accountability systems. Visit the website below for a complete list of allowable equipment purchases.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding>

Click on Law Enforcement

Other Funding Opportunities

Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project

Application Deadline: January 18, 2007

“The Bureau of Justice Assistance has announced funding under the Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project. This project is part of the Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI), which focuses on developing tools, strategies, and training products that will assist law enforcement and corrections agencies in addressing the many issues faced by returning juvenile and adult gang offenders. PRI is designed to reduce recidivism by helping returning offenders find work and access services.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07GangReentrysol.pdf>

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Crime and Justice Research

Application Deadline: January 23, 2007

“The Crime and Justice Research solicitation is the National Institute of Justice’s “open” solicitation for social and behavioral research and evaluation on topics relevant to State or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. Most crime and justice topics that are relevant to policymakers and practitioners are eligible for consideration. For evaluation research, funding priority will be given to applications proposing randomized experimental designs, regression discontinuity, propensity scores, or other enhanced quasi-experimental designs that maximize the validity and reliability of research results.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000765.pdf>

Research on Policing and Public Safety Interventions

Application Deadline: January 30, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals to conduct research on policing and public safety interventions to improve law enforcement policies and operations at the State and local levels. Effective law enforcement and crime prevention are of critical importance to ensuring the safety of communities throughout the country. Given the limited resources of most police departments and other local agencies and groups, it is especially important to determine the effectiveness of police department policies and public safety interventions.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000779.pdf>

Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Child Abuse

Enforcement Assistance Program

Letter of Intent: January 30, 2007

Application Deadline: February 15, 2007

“The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is seeking applications that propose solutions for enhancing the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child victimization by supporting innovative projects designed to prevent and address these crimes in rural jurisdictions. The Rural Program challenges victim advocates, law enforcement officers, pre-trial service personnel, prosecutors, judges and other court personnel, probation and parole officers, and faith- and/or community-based leaders to collaborate to overcome the problem of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and child victimization and to ensure that victim safety is paramount in providing services to victims and their children.”

For more information: http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/docs/rural_2007.pdf

FY 2007 Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program Guide and Application Kit

Application Deadline: January 31, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding the Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program (for new applicants only). The Weed and Seed initiative is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. It is designed for neighborhoods with persistent high levels of serious violent crime and corresponding social problems.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/2007guideIn.html>

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W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program 2007

Application Deadline: February 1, 2007

“The W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program seeks to advance knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. The Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts. Fellows are encouraged to spend a period of residence at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and to prepare reports suitable for publication by NIJ to summarize the results and policy implications of their research.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000753.pdf>

Community Corrections: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Electronic Monitoring of Moderate to High-Risk Offenders Under Supervision

Application Deadline: February 6, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding research on the effectiveness of electronic monitoring of moderate to high-risk offenders to inform and improve policy and practice in the area of community corrections supervision. NIJ is particularly interested in studying the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other tracking technologies that permit wide-area active or passive continuous monitoring for managing serious and violent offenders, including but not limited to sex and/or domestic violence offenders.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000783.pdf>

Research and Publications

2005 National Institute of Justice Annual Report

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Annual Report describes NIJ’s work in facing new and old challenges. As offenders become more technologically savvy, the law enforcement community must have access to the latest information and tools. The report is divided into the following sections: highlights of the year, accomplishments in forensics, policing and corrections, progress in understanding and fighting victimization, international crime, and getting the word out.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/213267.pdf>

Understanding Sexual Victimization: Using Medical Provider Data to Describe the Nature and Context of Sexual Crime in Massachusetts

The Research and Policy Analysis Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) recently released this report which provides select characteristics of sexual assaults where the victims sought medical attention. Under Massachusetts law, all medical professionals who examine victims of sexual assault are required to complete a Provider Sexual Crime Report (PSCR) and forward the report to the EOPS. This report is based on an analysis of PSCR data that includes incidents that occurred between 2001 and 2004. Analyses are organized into the following sections: victim characteristics, offender characteristics, nature and specifics of the crime, and reporting the crime.

Access full text at: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> Click Publications and Reports

Intimate Partner Violence in the United States

This recently released Bureau of Justice Statistics report provides an overview of intimate partner violence in the US. Trends in intimate partner violence are discussed using data from the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) and the Supplemental Homicide Reports of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). Analyses are organized into the following sections: victim characteristics, offender characteristics, circumstances, injury and treatment, victim assistance, and reporting to police.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/intimate/ipv.htm>

Guidelines for Juvenile Information Sharing

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention report provides comprehensive guidelines for State and local efforts to improve information sharing among agencies involved with at-risk youth and juvenile offenders. This report institutes new processes and procedures for information sharing and requires the development and application of new knowledge and skills. The guidelines integrate three critical components of juvenile information sharing: collaboration, confidentiality, and technology.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/215786.pdf>

Capital Punishment, 2005

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents characteristics of persons under sentence of death on December 31, 2005 and of persons executed in 2005. Data on offenders' sex, race, education, marital status, age at time of arrest for the capital offense, legal status at time of the offense, methods of execution, trends, and time between imposition of death sentence and execution are discussed. Statistics on executions by States during 2006 and a summary of the movement of prisoners in and out of death sentence status during 2005 is also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cp05.htm>

Conferences and Trainings

American Correctional Association 2007 Winter Conference

January 20-24, 2007 in Tampa Bay, FL

The American Correctional Association will host their annual conference titled "Corrections, Community and Public Health". Session topics include: juvenile institutions, suicide prevention, recidivism, correctional health and disease management, offender reentry, and mental health care for inmates. All correctional professionals are invited to attend.

For more information: <http://www.aca.org/conferences/winter07/>

The State of Crime and Justice in America

January 25-26, 2007 in Baltimore, MD

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference brings together practitioners, policy makers, and BJA leadership to explore critical issues in law enforcement and criminal justice. Session topics include: human trafficking, sex offender management, pandemic, gangs, meth, homicide clearance, identity theft/white collar crime, public surveillance, counter-terrorism, problem solving courts (drug, family, mentally ill), information sharing, and law enforcement leadership. In addition, there will be sessions on grants management which will include the following topics: GMS, compliance issues, Grants.gov, grants administration and monitoring (programmatic and financial).

For more information: <http://www.ncja.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationEvents/BJARegionalMeetingSeries/default.htm>

Innovations in Justice, Information Sharing Strategies and Best Practices

February 6-8, 2007 in Houston, TX

March 27-29, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN

June 4-6, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference will help participants explore, and better understand how to plan, manage, and implement technology solutions for information sharing systems. Experts will discuss the latest innovative solutions in justice and public safety information sharing, including key developments in: information sharing policy, privacy and security, coordinating broad-based information sharing initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice Global Justice XML Data Model implementation, and latest technologies and standards.

For more information: <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006reginfosharing/>

The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop

February 21-23, 2007 in Boston, MA

This course is a detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing. In this course, participants will learn the entire proposal writing process and complete the course with a solid understanding of the essential factors which determine whether or not a program gets funded. Participants will become capable program planning and proposal writing professionals after completion of the Grants 101 course.

For more information: www.thegrantinstitute.com

Mapping and Analysis for Public Safety (MAPS)

March 28 - March 31, 2007 in Pittsburg, PA

This National Institute of Justice crime mapping conference will focus on the use and development of methodologies for practitioners and researchers. During the conference events, participants will discuss a range of issues including policy decisions, research methods to identify and dispel hot spots, and other applied practice solutions. The focus of the conference is on the study of society and elements of mapping technology that contribute to both crime and justice.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/>

Youth Crime Prevention Conference and International Forum

March 21-24, 2007 in Denver, CO

This youth crime prevention event is sponsored by Youth Crime Watch of America, Denver Safe City, BJA, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Youth, their adult counterparts, and other practitioners will be given the opportunity to participate in: a Town Meeting, the Youth Exploring Solutions Forum, 69 workshops, six professional development seminars, four intensive institutes, and four proven and promising practices briefings. All participants will have the opportunity to voice their recommendations for policy makers on reducing crime, violence and drugs.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

In The News

New Commissioner Focuses on Gun Crimes

***The Boston Globe*, December 4, 2006**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Boston's new police commissioner Edward F. Davis III vows to make gun violence his top priority while improving community policing. In a recent interview, Davis said he plans to distribute a survey immediately throughout the department to generate ideas for reform. Davis plans to focus on violent crime, specifically shootings, and work to make current officers more efficient rather than hiring additional officers.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/12/04/new_commissioner_focuses_on_gun_crimes/

Boston's High-Crime Area Gets Slowest 911 Response

***The Boston Globe*, December 9, 2006**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Roxbury and Mission Hill residents are waiting longer for police to respond to 911 calls than any other neighborhood in Boston. The department's analysis of 226,213 calls in 2006 shows that people in Roxbury waited two minutes longer than the citywide median of 12 minutes. Police say Roxbury is one the highest crime areas in the city and that officers respond to a constant flow of 911 calls there.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/12/09/roxbury_911_calls_get_slower_response/

Patrick Vows To Add 1,000 Cops In Massachusetts

***The Boston Herald*, December 15, 2006**

According to *The Boston Herald*, Massachusetts Governor-elect Deval Patrick is promising to battle through hard financial times and hire 1,000 new police officers statewide as gun violence takes its toll on inner-city neighborhoods. A key part of Patrick's strategy against youth violence is to stem the flow of guns into the state. He also wants more money for mentoring programs to provide after-school alternatives for youths who are at risk for gang involvement.

Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localPolitics/view.bg?articleid=172146>

New MA Governor To Void Immigration Enforcement Pact

***The Boston Globe*, December 22, 2006**

The Boston Globe reports that Massachusetts Governor-elect Deval Patrick will rescind a recently signed agreement between former Governor Mitt Romney and federal authorities that allows state troopers to arrest illegal immigrants. A Patrick spokeswoman said that he believes issues like firearm trafficking, drug use, and gang violence would be a better use of state trooper time.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/politics/candidates/articles/2006/12/22/patrick_set_to_rescind_plan_for_troopers/

School Crime Rises, Reflects Hub Violence

***The Boston Globe*, December 29, 2006**

According to *The Boston Globe*, the number of weapons confiscated in and around Boston's public schools rose 42 percent in the last five years. School police found 577 weapons (mostly knives) in the 2005-2006 school year, compared with 407 during the 2001-2002 school year. Violent crimes (mostly assaults and robberies) increased 14 percent, with 902 occurrences in the 2005-2006 school year.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/12/29/school_crime_rises_reflects_hub_violence/

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